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Prof. Philipp Gibbard  
Secretary-General, International Commission on Stratigraphy of the IUGS

Dear Prof. Gibbard.

I am pleased to inform you that the IUGS Executive Committee has voted unanimously to ratify the GSSP proposal for the base of the Sakmarian Stage (Permian) as approved by the International Commission on Stratigraphy and forwarded to the IUGS EC on 30 June 2018.

Congratulations to the International Commission on Stratigraphy. Also please send congratulations from the IUGS EC to Dr. Shu-Zhong Shen, Chair of the International Subcommission on Permian Stratigraphy, and to Dr. Valery V. Chernykh, lead author on the ratified GSSP proposal.

Sincerely,

Stanley C. Finney  
Secretary General of IUGS